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TO: ALL MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE DENTAL PLANS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI)

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) was required to adopt a standard unique identifier for health care providers. CMS has adopted the National Provider Identifier (NPI) as this standard. The main principles of the NPI regulations are as follows:

- The NPI is a new 10-digit numeric identifier that contains no embedded intelligence about the health care provider that it identifies.
- The National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) has been built and is accepting NPI applications from providers through the web and via paper.
- All HIPAA covered dental care providers, whether individuals or organizations, must obtain an NPI for use in HIPAA standard transactions.
- All HIPAA covered entities, i.e., dental care providers, dental care clearing houses and dental plans, must use only the NPI to identify providers on HIPAA standard transactions.
- The compliance date for California Department of Health Services (CDHS) contracted dental plans are May 23, 2007.

For additional information regarding the NPI and how to apply, please visit:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/>

CDHS is in the process of assessing the impact of the NPI across all of Medi-Cal. Contracted dental plans play an important part in Medi-Cal and are affected by the NPI.

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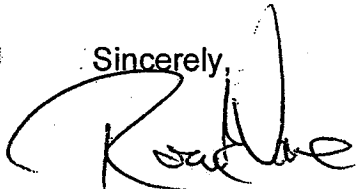
As we determine the impacts and plan our NPI compliance activities, we will provide additional information to our stakeholders. Future "All Plan Letters" will provide information on dental plan reporting and discussion of potential network and access issues.

To further facilitate communication regarding NPI, please identify a single point of contact for your dental plan by July 15, 2006, and forward the contact information electronically to Esther Cuellar-Valadez at ecuellar@dhs.ca.gov, or by mail at:

Managed Care Unit
Medi-Cal Dental Services Branch (MDSB)
11155 International Drive Building C
Rancho Cordova, CA 95899-7413

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Denise Martin, Chief of the Dental Managed Care Unit, at (916) 464-0375

Sincerely,



Jerry D. Stanger, Chief
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TO: ALL MEDI-CAL DENTAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE

Under provisions of the contract (GMC Contract, Article 3, General Provisions #3.9-Submissions to DHS; PHP Contract, Exhibit A, Scope of Work, #4-Project Representative), required notices, records and reports shall be sent to the Chief, Medi-Cal Dental Services Branch.

This correspondence is to notify you that Ms. Michelle Marks has replaced Ms. Maria Enriquez as Chief of the Medi-Cal Dental Services Branch. Therefore, all notices, records and reports should be submitted as follows:

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Payment Systems Division
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Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Denise Martin, Chief of the Dental Managed Care Unit, via e-mail at DMartin@dhs.ca.gov or telephone (916) 464-0375.

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